

ANNUAL MEETING
UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CHURCH of NASHUA
for year June 15, 2014 – June 04, 2015
held on 04 June, 2015

A quorum of members having been met, President of the congregation Harry Purkhiser called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm, announced the Certification of a Quorum, and read the Purposes from the Articles of Agreement. Vice President David Hudson lit the chalice and gave opening words.

Appointment of Parliamentarian and Adoption of Consent Agenda

President Harry Purkhiser appointed a parliamentarian, Robert “Bob” Sampson. A motion made by Bob Sampson and seconded by Lance Pratt passed unanimously to adopt the Consent Agenda. The consent agenda consists of 1) the Congregation approves of the minutes, as submitted by the Clerk, of the 2014 Annual Meeting, held on June 14, 2014, and the Special Meeting To Call A Settled Minister, held on May 10, 2015, as submitted by the Clerk, and 2) the Congregation accepts and places on file the reports of the following officers, committees, and programs posted at www.uunashua.org/our-church/our-governance/annual-meetings/ [Note – this listing is an amalgamation of the Consent Agenda list in the Annual Meeting 2015 Agenda and the list under the header, Consent Agenda, among the Annual Meeting 2015 documents at www.uunashua.org/gov.shtml]: Minister’s Report, President’s Report, Clerk’s Report, Ministerial Search Committee, Annual Meeting documents 2014; Audio / Visual Committee, Cemetery Association, CSAI Annual Meeting Statement, Denominational Connections, Investment Committee Reports 2015, Lifespan Religious Education (also known as RE Committee Report 2014-2015), Membership Team 2015, Music, Nominated Slate of Candidates 2015, Nominating Committee and Leadership Development, Norma Rowley Scholarship Fund Resolution, Pastoral Care, Personnel, Property, Public Relations, Right Relations Team, Search Committee Report 2015, Simple Gifts Coffee House, Social Activities, Social Justice, Spiritual Development 2015, Student Aid Fund – Norma Rowley Scholarship Fund Report, Treasurer’s Report 2014-2015, White Wing Summary 2014-2015.

Harry presented the President’s Report. He mentioned that the Board has concentrated on three goals: 1) Clarifying and articulating the mission and vision of the church we want to become, 2) Becoming braver at dealing with stewardship and financial sustainability of church programs, and 3) Increasing minister, staff, board, and congregational facility with policy governance. He said the board took an active role in this year’s Stewardship campaign. He talked about the increased communication the board initiated between it and the congregation. He mentioned that the board and the minister and staff underwent training sessions in policy governance. The board’s training concentrated on the area of monitoring practices and the minister and staff’s training involved the performance of staff work under policy governance. In thanking the minister for her role in all that the church had accomplished this past year, he said that “one of the benefits of being president...was the joy of working with

Reverend Janet Newman.” Harry also presented the Congregational Study / Action Issue (CSAI) at UUCN report at the request and on behalf of the Social Justice Committee.

Presentation of Progress Reports

Gary Lerude presented the Final [Ministerial] Search Committee Report. Kathy Fletcher presented the Right Relations Report that talked about the evolving covenant. These reports and others are posted at www.uunashua.org/our-church/our-governance/annual-meetings/.

Presentation of Financial Reports

Rick Spitz made an oral presentation of the Stewardship Team Report and no written report was received. This year’s Stewardship Committee Pledge Drive for 2015-2016 was accomplished by the Stewardship Committee and the Board of Trustees forming a team. Because I was a on the board, and part of that team, I will mention that several things were tried this year as part of the pledge drive, but the main emphasis was to increase participation and there was high participation. The focus of the report was on financial numbers. The goal for aggregate pledge amount for that drive has been met. Bob Sampson gave the Investment Review Committee Report, Summary. The report reflects results as of April 30, 2015 because our Annual Meeting date of June 4th is close to the end of the fiscal year, May 31st, making a report that would include May 2015 difficult to generate. This reporting as of an earlier date than we would do in most years distorts the results. With this caveat, the endowment increased from \$3,998,322 to a little over \$4M, with about 10% of that total devoted to the Nashua Cemetery Fund. The Norma Rowley Student Loan Fund Resolution was presented by Mary Licking and Mike Wilt. A motion by Tina Marshman and seconded by John Burkitt failed, 18 FOR and 49 AGAINST, to split the board’s resolution. The board’s resolution passed and reads as follows: Be it therefore resolved that: o All outstanding loans from the Norma Rowley Student Loan Fund be forgiven and converted to grants, thereby fulfilling the original purpose of the fund to support education expenses, and o the restricted Norma Rowley Student Loan Fund be dissolved and merged with the unrestricted main endowment funds. The choir sang “Let the River Run”. Mike Wilt gave the Treasurer’s Report. Reverend Doctor Janet Newman and Mike Wilt presented the budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. A motion made by Russ Leonard and seconded by Jack Law passed unanimously that the budget be approved. The Treasurer’s Report and the budget are to be found at www.uunashua.org/our-church/our-governance/annual-meetings/.

Minister’s Report

Rev. Dr. Janet presented the Minister’s Report which can be found at www.uunashua.org/our-church/our-governance/annual-meetings/. UUCN’s traditions and hopes kindle its promise for the future. She credited the following elements collectively for what was achieved by UUCN this year: the foundation laid by the interim ministry at UUCN of Reverend Olivia Holmes, Board of Trustees, Search Committee, each of the staff members, and the volunteers whose reports she encouraged the members take the time to read. Earlier in the meeting, Reverend Doctor Janet read the names of those members who died during the past year. David Hudson gave a speech entitled, “Blessed are the Interims” that educated the members and showed

gratitude for the sacrifices, time, effort, and application of expertise on the part of the Interim Minister, Reverend Doctor Janet Newman, and the Interim Lifespan Director of Religious Education, Meredith Olson, who have served UUCN this past year. The choir sang, "Omnia Sol".

Nominating Committee Report

Karen Murray presented the Nominating Committee Report. She, along with the congregation, thanked the retiring leaders, which included Harry Purkhiser who has just completed one year of service as President. David Hudson presented him with an Apple gift certificate from the board. Karen presented the committee's slate for Officers, Board of Trustees, Nominating Committee, and Financial Records Review Committee, and Nashua Cemetery Association. The slate is filed at www.uunashua.org/our-church/our-governance/annual-meetings/. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion made by Bob Sampson and seconded by Bill Kennedy passed unanimously that the slate be accepted. Reverend Doctor Janet performed an installation ceremony to put in place the new board and other elected officials.

Final Words

Reverend Doctor Janet gave final words. A motion to adjourn passed by Russ Leonard and seconded by Jack Law. Harry Purkhiser extinguished the chalice.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Licking,

Clerk, UUCN